

Shawnee State University

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General Statement of Policy

Shawnee State University is committed to assuring a healthy environment for students, faculty, staff, and visitors where the presence of alcohol does not interfere with the learning experience. The University restricts the possession, distribution and consumption of alcohol on campus and at off-campus sponsored University events in an effort to reduce the likelihood of alcohol-related incidents that adversely affect the quality of a person's experience at Shawnee State University. As a general statement, therefore, the unauthorized possession, distribution and consumption of alcoholic beverages by any individual on the campus of Shawnee State University is prohibited.

1.0 Alcohol at Student Events

The University does not encourage students to consume alcoholic beverages but views the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages as a privilege, provided it is in accordance with federal and state laws and adheres to the following specified conditions:

- 1.1 University policy forbids student possession, distribution and consumption of alcoholic beverages in University buildings, on campus grounds, in University provided vehicles or at University sponsored on campus or off campus events without prior authorization.
- 1.2 Student possession and consumption of alcohol is restricted to the confines of the private rooms of the University managed residence halls.
- 1.3 The sale or purchase of any alcoholic beverage in the University managed residence halls is prohibited.
- 1.4 No open container or carrier of alcohol is permitted in any lounge or other public area of the University managed residence halls.
- 1.5 No kegs or beer balls are permitted in private rooms or public areas of the University managed residence halls.
- 1.6 Students will be held responsible for their personal behavior, as well as the behavior of guests.
- 1.7 Behavior that is judged to be irresponsible or inconsiderate while possessing or consuming any alcoholic beverage is considered to be an abuse of the Alcohol Policy. Enforcement will focus on the behavior of the student rather than simply possession or consumption of alcohol.

Enforcement is the responsibility of University staff as well as other members of the University managed residence halls.

- 1.8 If recurring patterns of irresponsible behavior by a student, section, floor or hall occurs, the option to consume alcohol in the University managed residence hall may be revoked by the Hall Director pending investigation and further disciplinary action as delineated in the Code of Student Conduct.

2.0 Alcohol at Non-Student Events

Alcoholic beverages are not to be sold, distributed or consumed at University and non-University sponsored events that are held in University facilities or on University premises without permission from the President or the President's designee. Further, all of the following conditions must be met.

- 2.1 Alcohol is to be served at Shawnee State University only if all appropriate University and State of Ohio Liquor Laws and Administrative Regulations pertaining to the purchase, sale, distribution and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages are complied with. The permission from the University to serve alcohol should be secured 60 (sixty) days prior to the event at which it is served. Forms are available from the University facilities office and should accompany a Facilities Reservation Form.
- 2.2 If alcohol is to be served at no charge at an event which similarly has no charge, a State of Ohio Liquor License is not required. However, permission to serve alcohol must be obtained from the University President or the President's designee and the appropriate liability insurance rules issued by the University must be complied with (see 2.4).
- 2.3 If required by law, the proper liquor permit must be obtained.
 - 2.3.1 If alcohol is to be sold or if the event at which alcohol is to be served has an admission fee or ticket price, the State of Ohio requires the purchase of a temporary liquor permit. The event sponsor will be responsible for obtaining such a permit and should submit the forms to Shawnee State University for proper signatures at least 60 (sixty) days prior to the event, in order to have time to secure the license.
 - 2.3.2 If a University group is sponsoring an event and is required to acquire a temporary permit from the Ohio Liquor Control Board to serve alcoholic beverages, a Request to Serve Alcohol form must first be submitted to the Facilities Department. That department, along with the Office of Development and Community Relations, will aid the event sponsor in applying for the necessary permit.
- 2.4 If the event is sponsored by a non-University group or individual, proof of liability insurance of a minimum of \$500,000 must accompany the Request to Serve Alcohol. Proof can be in the form of a copy of the policy or an affidavit, signed by the insurance agent, which includes the

amount of the liability insurance and the effective date of the policy. Further, the sponsoring group or individual needs to relieve the University of liability by completing the appropriate section on the Request to Serve Alcohol form.

- 2.5 At events where alcohol is served, non-alcoholic beverages must be provided by the sponsor of the event in adequate proportion to alcoholic beverages. In addition, the serving of food must be the primary function.
 - 2.6 Alcoholic beverages will not be accessible or served to persons under the legal drinking age or to persons who appear to be intoxicated.
- 3.0 Sanctions for violations of this policy by the University community or visitors will be consistent with those administered for the unlawful use, possession and distribution of alcohol on university property as delineated in the Drug Free Campus Policy within the University's Policies and Procedures Manual.